



### CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING1

801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California

<u>Public Session Location</u> – 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California, Room 150

<u>Closed Session Location</u> – 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California, Room 141

**SUMMARY MINUTES - OCTOBER 9, 2007** 

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## FULL MONTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES<sup>2</sup>

#### October 9, 2007

### **PUBLIC SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

#### 1. ROLL CALL

#### **Members present:**

Sean Harrigan, President Anne Sheehan, Vice President Maeley Tom, Member Patricia Clarey, Member Richard Costigan, Member

#### 2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Suzanne M. Ambrose

- State as a Model Employer will be held October 17 & 18 at Franchise Tax Board. This job fair will promote hiring.
- The Executive Officer met with the State EEO Officers to discuss the Bilingual Services Program's Language Survey. The EEO Officers stated that the survey is not reliable due in part to the hand-tallying of bilingual phone calls. They would like to work with SPB to come up with a more reliable way to complete the survey.
- SSA Exam
  - 9,282 people have taken the new SSA exam with an 86% passage rate
  - o 69 hires have been made off of the list.
    - 2 in Rank One;
    - 5 in Rank Two;
    - 5 in Rank Three;
    - 51 in Rank Four: and
    - Four each in Ranks Five and Six.
  - o 300 vacancies statewide.
  - Departments are relatively happy with the list and candidate pool.
     The main complaint is that the top three ranks contain only candidates with Veteran's Preference Points.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Agenda for the Board Meetings can be obtained at the following internet address: http://www.spb.ca.gov/calendar.htm

- SPB Executive Staff met with the attendees of the two HR Modernization off-site meetings. Everyone that attended is supportive of the HR Modernization project.
- SPB Executive Staff will begin working on the new SPB Strategic Plan for the next one, five and ten years.

# 3. REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (DPA) - DPA Representatives

Josie Fernandez of the Department of Personnel Administration, gave a brief report. Departments with classes closely related to the Staff Services Analyst classification are interested in revising their own classes, or abolishing those classes and using the SSA list. Board items will be brought forward soon.

# 4. REPORT ON THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CalPERS) - Maeley Tom

A report was distributed on recent activities of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

#### 5. REPORT OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL – Elise Rose

- SPB received the Receiver's 6<sup>th</sup> report to the Court. There was positive language included in the report about SPB, specifically referring to the Executive Officer.
- A Decision was reached in the Holmes case. SPB was overturned on the grounds that the decision was not supported by substantial evidence.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

NONE PRESENTED

### 7. REPORT ON LEGISLATION – Sherry Evans

NONE PRESENTED

#### 8. EEO TRAINING WORKGROUP UPDATE

A brief report was given on the status of the EEO Training Workgroup and its desire to establish intergovernmental standards for EEO training

- Beth Selling, Manager, Technical Training Program, California State Personnel Board

# CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD PURSUANT TO COPELY PRESS, INC. v. SUPERIOR COURT (2006) 39 CAL. 4<sup>TH</sup> 1272

#### 9. ORAL ARGUMENT

In the matter of **CASE NO. 07-1381A.** Appeal from dismissal. Correctional Sergeant. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Steve Jennings, Staff Counsel III, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, representing the department.

Phillip Murray, Staff Legal Counsel, CCPOA, representing appellant.

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

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#### 10. ORAL ARGUMENT

In the matter of **CASE NO. 05-1043P**. Appeal from dismissal. Tax Counsel, Range D. Board of Equalization.

Brian Branine, Senior Tax Counsel, Board of Equalization, representing the department.

Ben Allamano, Attorney and Counselor, Law Office of Ben Allamano, representing appellant.

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

#### **CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

# 11. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, AND OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code Sections 11126(d), 18653.]

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#### 12. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – VETERANS PREFERENCE POINTS

The Board, staff and interested parties discussed the correct method for awarding veterans preference points in the examination process.

Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, State Personnel Board
Bruce Monfross, Senior Staff Counsel, State Personnel Board
Jack Kirwin, Deputy Secretary of Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs

#### 13. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – RULE OF THREE RANKS

The Board, staff and interested parties discussed under what circumstances eligibility lists may be comprised of only three ranks.

Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, State Personnel Board
Bruce Monfross, Senior Staff Counsel, State Personnel Board
Kristen Haynie, Labor Relations Consultant, CAPS
Kolleen Ostgaard, Director, Executive Fellowship Program, CSUS
Sharon Planchon, Chief, Human Resources, Department of Social Services
Chris Ford, CFO, CalSTRS

#### **CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

# 14. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, AND OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code Sections 11126(d), 18653.]

# 15. DELIBERATION ON ADVERSE ACTIONS, DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS, AND OTHER PROPOSED DECISIONS SUBMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Deliberations on matters submitted at prior hearing; on proposed, rejected, remanded, and submitted decisions; petitions for rehearing; and other matters related to cases heard by administrative law judges of the State Personnel Board or by the Board itself. [Government Code Sections 11126 (c) (3), and 18653.]

#### 16. PENDING LITIGATION

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would be prejudicial. [Government Code sections 11126(e)(1) and 18653.]

Patrick McCollum v. State of California
United States District Court, Northern District of California
Case No. C 04-03339 CRB

Plata, et al. v. Schwarzenegger, et al. Case No. C01-1351 THE

Colocousis, et al. v. State Personnel Board, et al. Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 07CS00461

#### 17. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Deliberations on recommendations to the legislature. [Government Code section 18653.]

**NO ACTION** 

#### 18. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

Deliberations on recommendations to the Governor. [Government Code section 18653.]

NO ACTION

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19. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE OF OCTOBER 22, 2007, IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

NONE

#### **BOARD ACTIONS:**

20. ADOPTION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

**ACTION: ADOPTED** 

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan - Aye

#### 21. EVIDENTIARY CASES

**ACTION: See Case Listings on Pages 12 - 20** 

# 22. RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 EXTENSION - (See Minutes on Pages 27-28)

**ACTION: ADOPTED** 

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan - Aye

#### 23. NON-EVIDENTIARY CASES

**ACTION: See Case Listings on Pages 20-24** 

#### 24. NON-HEARING CALENDAR

The following proposals were made to the State Personnel Board by either the Board staff or Department of Personnel Administration staff.

On October 9, 2007, the following proposals were presented to the Board by Mike Strazzo, Chief, Merit Operations Division, California State Personnel Board.

#### **ACTION: ADOPTED**

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan - Aye

A. BOARD ITEMS PRESENTED BY STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OR DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH, REVISE OR ABOLISH CLASSIFICATIONS, ALTERNATE RANGE CRITERIA, ETC.

#### SUPERVISING DENTAL ASSISTANT. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation proposes the establishment of a new safety class, Supervising Dental Assistant, Correctional Facility.

**ACTION: ADOPTED** 

# PHARMACIST I, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PHARMACIST II, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Plata Personnel Services Office, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, proposes the establishment of two new safety classes, Pharmacist I, Correctional Facility and Pharmacist II, Correctional Facility.

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

B. ABOLISHMENT OF CLASSES THAT HAVE HAD NO INCUMBENTS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. DEPARTMENTS THAT UTILIZE THE CLASS AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATE UNION HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE ABOLISHMENT OF THESE CLASSES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AND STATE PERSONNEL BOARD proposed to abolish the following unused classifications, which have been vacant for more than twenty-four months. Departments that utilize the class as well as the appropriate union have no objection to the abolishment of these classes. When classes are proposed to be abolished which are part of a class series, and other classes within the series will continue to be used, the class specification is included in the board item.

NONE

#### 25. STAFF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

# LIFEGUARD SERIES STATE PARK RANGER SERIES

The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes classification title changes for two of their classification series, Lifeguard and State Park Ranger, to adequately reflect the peace officer role of the classification. Language regarding equal employment opportunity was also updated.

**NO ACTION** 

### 26. CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT (CEA) CATEGORY ACTIVITY

This section of the Minutes serves to inform interested individuals and departments of proposed and approved CEA position actions.

### A. REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH NEW OR REVISE EXISTING CEA POSITIONS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION

#### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

The California Gambling Control Commission proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Deputy Director is responsible for policy development and formulation pertaining to the gambling industry in California and issues related to fiduciary responsibilities and proper accounting of revenues.

#### DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Public Utilities Commission proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Director, Office of Governmental Affairs is responsible for managing all legislative activities, recommends strategic policies, and directly involved in the formulation and implementation of intergovernmental policies.

#### **DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Director, Administration Division, plans organizes, directs and supervises the operations of the Administration Division; develops overall personnel and fiscal business services and procedures for the Commission, and advises program staff and Commissioners on complex Administration program and policy issues.

# ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SALINAS VALLEY PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAM

The Department of Mental Health proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Assistant Executive Director is responsible for ensuring the coordination of clinical and administrative services in a manner which promotes an environment of quality care and treatment of patients and the daily implementation of major policy made in relation to psychiatric services provided to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation inmates.

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Deputy Director is responsible for policy development and formulation pertaining to the continuous investment of real property, including policies for disposal of property and the administration of the Department's Master Plan that provides the strategic blueprint for the Departments acquisition, design, planning, operation, renovation, management and disposition of all real estate assets, both state-owned and leased.

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACQUISITIONS BRANCH

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Deputy Director is responsible for the policy development and formulation pertaining to land use matters and land acquisition, including complex real estate transactions and developing and managing a statewide program that provides acquisition and valuation services for land and facility sales and disposals real estate portfolio.

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FACILITY PLANNING BRANCH

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Deputy Director is responsible for the policy development and formulation for the master planning of facilities and internal management of the state's facility planning process and developing and managing the Department's Master Plan that provides the strategic blueprint for the Departments acquisition, design, planning, operation, renovation, management and disposition of all real estate assets, both state-owned and leased.

#### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DESIGN SERVICES BRANCH**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Deputy Director is responsible for the policy development and formulation of the New Prison Policy Guidelines, designs of prison facilities and staff and operation development for new prisons and the development and management of the Department's design services for the state-owned facilities.

# B. EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECISIONS REGARDING REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH NEW OR REVISE EXISTING CEA POSITIONS

# DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization's request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 7, 2007.

#### CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization's request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 10, 2007.

# DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 10, 2007.

# DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Public Utilities Commission's request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 10, 2007.

# CHIEF, STRATEGIC PLANNING, POLICY AND RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

The Department of General Services' request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 14, 2007.

# DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ELECTRIC GENERATION PERFORMANCE

The Public Utilities Commission's request to allocate the above position has been approved effective September 19, 2007.

**ACTION: NOTED** 

#### 27. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, & OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code sections 11126(d), 18653.]

#### 28. WRITTEN STAFF REPORT FOR BOARD INFORMATION

#### ANNUAL CENSUS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE

The State Personnel Board has prepared this report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in compliance with California Government Code Sections 19237, 19405, 19792.5(b), and 19793, to inform the Governor and Legislature about the composition of the state civil service workforce.

**ACTION: NOTED** 

29. PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY ITEMS AS NECESSARY

NONE

30. BOARD ACTIONS ON SUBMITTED ITEMS

**ACTION: See Minutes on Pages 26-27** 

#### **CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

31. MANDATORY SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

ADJOURNMENT

# WHAT FOLLOWS IS A RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON AGENDA ITEMS 21 - 23 AS NOTED

#### 21. EVIDENTIARY CASES

The Board Administrative Law Judges conduct evidentiary hearings in appeals that include, but are not limited to, adverse actions, medical terminations, demotions, discrimination, reasonable accommodations, and whistleblower complaints.

#### A. BOARD CASES SUBMITTED

These items have been taken under submission by the State Personnel Board at a prior meeting.

On October 9, 2007, the Board took the following action on the following cases as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom Clarey, Costigan - Aye

#### (1) CASE NO. 05-1007EA

Appeal from denial of discrimination complaint

Classification: Outside contractor

**Department:** Department of Transportation

Proposed decision rejected December 19, 2006. Pending oral argument April 3, 2007, Sacramento.

Oral argument continued.

Oral argument heard July 10, 2007, Sacramento.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

#### NO ACTION

### (2) CASE NO. 03-3412PA

Appeal from rejection during probation

Classification: Correctional Counselor II (Supervisor)

Department: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Petition for rehearing granted April 3, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument July 10-11, 2007, Sacramento.

Oral argument continued.

Oral argument heard September 4, 2007, Sacramento.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

**ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed decision sustaining the rejection. President Harrigan dissented.

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#### (3) CASE NO. 06-3023A

Appeal from ten percent reduction in salary for three months

Classification: Psychiatric Technician

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Proposed decision rejected March 2, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Oral argument heard August 7, 2007, Pasadena.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

**ACTION:** The Board revoked the disciplinary action.

### (4) CASE NO. 05-1285A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Public Safety Dispatcher II

**Department:** Department of California Highway Patrol

Proposed decision rejected January 9, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument June 5, 2007, Sacramento.

Oral argument continued.

Oral argument heard September 4, 2007, Sacramento.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

#### NO ACTION

### (5) CASE NO. 06-2010A

Appeal from medical termination

Classification: Administrative Support Coordinator II **Department:** California State University, Los Angeles

Proposed decision rejected May 8, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Oral argument heard August 7, 2007, Pasadena.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

#### NO ACTION

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#### (7) CASE NO. 07-003 (b)

Appeal from Executive Officer's disapproval of contract

**Classification:** Janitorial Services

**Department:** Department of Health Services

Petition for rehearing granted May 8, 2007.

Oral argument heard September 4, 2007, Sacramento.

Case ready for decision by FULL Board.

NO ACTION

### B. <u>CASES PENDING</u>

#### **ORAL ARGUMENTS**

These cases were on calendar to be argued at this meeting or to be considered by the Board in closed session based on written arguments submitted by the parties.

On October 9, 2007, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan – Aye

#### (1) CASE NO. 07-1381A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Correctional Sergeant

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

#### (2) CASE NO. 05-1043P

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Tax Counsel, Range D Department: Board of Equalization

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

#### C. CHIEF COUNSEL RESOLUTIONS

#### (1) CASE NOS. 06-4707 & 07-1487

Classification: Staff Psychologist-Clinical, CF

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Resolution rejecting stipulation for settlement entered into between appellant and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**ACTION: Remanded to ALJ** 

#### **COURT REMANDS**

This case has been remanded to the Board by the court for further Board action.

#### (1) CASE NOS. 00-0033, 00-0030, 00-0002, 99-5150

Classification: Correctional Lieutenant/Correctional Officer/Health

Record Technician II Supervisor

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**ACTION:** The Board reinstated the modified penalties imposed by the Board in its first decision.

#### **STIPULATIONS**

These stipulations have been submitted to the Board for Board approval, pursuant to Government Code, section 18681.

#### NONE

#### D. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S (ALJ) PROPOSED DECISIONS

#### PROPOSED DECISIONS

These were ALJ proposed decisions submitted to the Board for the first time.

On October 9, 2007, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan – Aye

### (1) CASE NO. 06-3772 CASE NO. 06-3517

Appeal from a one step reduction in salary for twelve months Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Psychiatric Technician

**Department:** Department of Developmental Services **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (2) CASE NO. 00-1687AC

Appeal from denial of request for reasonable accommodation

**Classification:** Correctional Lieutenant

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

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#### (3) CASE NO. 07-1347

Appeal from ten percent reduction in salary for 13 months

Classification: Office Technician

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (4) CASE NO. 07-0743

Appeal from suspension for 60 calendar days **Classification:** Office Assistant (Typing)

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (5) CASE NO. 07-0651

Appeal from rejection during probationary period **Classification**: Supervising Registered Nurse II

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (6) CASE NO. 06-3562

Appeal from dismissal

**Classification:** Supervising Housekeeper I **Department:** Department of Mental Health

**ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

# (7) CASE NO. 06-3699

**CASE NO. 06-3732** 

Appeal from a Letter of Reprimand

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for six months

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (8) CASE NO. 06-4585E

Appeal From denial of reasonable accommodation

Classification: Staff Services Manager II

**Department:** Commission on Teacher Credentialing

**ACTION:** Submitted

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#### (9) CASE NO. 07-0939E

Appeal from discrimination complaint **Classification:** Staff Service Analyst

**Department:** California Exposition and State Fair

**ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision. Member Clarey recused herself from the deliberations and vote.

#### (10) CASE NO. 06-3526

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for six months

Classification: Psychiatric Technician Assistant

Department: Department of Developmental Services

ACTION: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (11) CASE NO. 05-1863E

Appeal from denial of discrimination complaint.

**Classification:** Workers Compensation Insurance Technician

**Department:** State Compensation Insurance Fund

**ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (12) CASE NO. 06-3311B

Appeal from back salary determination after reinstatement from dismissal.

Classification: Material and Stores Supervisor I

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **ACTION:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

#### (13) CASE NO. 07-1831

**CASE NO. 07-1806** 

**CASE NO. 07-1882** 

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for twelve months (Case Nos. 07-1831, 07-1806)

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for 36 months (Case No. 07-1882)

Classification: Correctional Officers & Correctional Sergeant Department: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation ACTION: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

# PROPOSED DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SUBMISSION AT PRIOR MEETING

These were ALJ proposed decisions taken under submission at a prior Board meeting, for lack of majority vote or other reason.

#### NONE

#### PROPOSED DECISIONS AFTER BOARD REMAND

NONE

#### PROPOSED DECISIONS AFTER SPB ARBITRATION

**NONE** 

#### E. PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

#### ALJ PROPOSED DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

The Board voted to grant or deny a petition for rehearing filed by one or both parties, regarding a case already decided by the Board.

On October 9, 2007, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan - Aye

#### (1) CASE NO. 06-2447P

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Accounting Officer (Specialist)

**Department:** Employment Development Department

**ACTION:** Petition for rehearing denied.

#### (2) CASE NO. 06-1556PA

Appeal from rejection during probation

Classification: Heavy Fire Equipment Operator

**Department:** Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**ACTION:** Petition for rehearing denied.

#### (3) CASE NO. 05-1177P

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**ACTION:** Petition for rehearing denied.

#### WHISTLEBLOWER NOTICE OF FINDINGS

NONE

#### F. PENDING BOARD REVIEW

These cases were pending preparation of transcripts, briefs, or the setting of oral argument before the Board.

On October 9, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan – Aye

#### (1) CASE NO. 06-3534A

Appeal from constructive medical termination

Classification: Psychiatric Technician Assistant

Department: Department of Developmental Services

Proposed decision rejected June 19, 2007. Pending transcript.

NO ACTION

### (2) CASE NO. 06-3014PA

Appeal from punitive transfer

Classification: Correctional Sergeant

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Petition for rehearing granted July 10, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument October 9, 2007, Sacramento.

**ACTION: Submitted** 

#### (4) CASE NO. 07-0850A

Appeal from non-punitive termination Classification: Clinical Social Worker

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Proposed decision rejected September 24, 2007

Pending transcript.

**NO ACTION** 

#### (4) CASE NO. 05-1432E

Appeal from denial of sexual harassment complaint Classification: Health Facilities Evaluator Nurse Department: Department of Health Services

Proposed decision rejected June 5, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument November 5, 2007, San Diego.

NO ACTION

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### (5) CASE NO. 05-3327A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Medical Technical Assistant

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Proposed decision rejected July 10, 2007.

Pending transcript.

**NO ACTION** 

### (6) CASE NO. 06-1413PA

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for six months

Classification: Registered Nurse

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Petition for rehearing granted August 7, 2007.

Pending transcript

**NO ACTION** 

#### (7) CASE NO. 07-1381A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Correctional Sergeant

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Proposed decision rejected June 5, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument October 9, 2007, Sacramento.

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

#### (8) CASE NO. 05-1043P

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Tax Counsel, Range D Department: Board of Equalization

Petition for rehearing granted June 5, 2007.

Transcript prepared.

Pending oral argument October 9, 2007, Sacramento.

**ACTION: SUBMITTED** 

#### 23. NON-EVIDENTIARY CASES

#### A. WITHHOLD APPEALS

Cases heard by a Staff Hearing Officer, a managerial staff member of the State Personnel Board or investigated by Appeals Division staff. The Board was presented recommendations by a Staff Hearing Officer or Appeals Division staff for final decision on each appeal.

# WITHHOLD FROM CERTIFICATION CASES HEARD BY A STAFF HEARING OFFICER

#### NONE

# <u>WITHHOLD FROM CERTIFICATION</u> CASES NOT HEARD BY A STAFF HEARING OFFICER

On October 9, 2007, the Board adopted, as indicated below, the following items as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Clarey, Costigan – Aye

# (1) CASE NO. 06-2363N

Classification: Cadet

**Department:** California Highway Patrol

**Issue:** Suitability; premeditated petty theft and operating a vehicle under

the influence.

ACTION: DENIED

#### (2) CASE NO. 06-2351N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; omitted employment and termination information.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (3) CASE NO. 06-1688N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability: illegal drug activity.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (4) CASE NO. 06-2556N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; provided inaccurate information and negative law

enforcement contacts. **ACTION: DENIED** 

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### (5) CASE NO. 06-2256N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue**: Suitability; job termination within one year of his CDCR application.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

### (6) CASE NO. 06-2255N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Issue: Suitability; omitted employment information and negative law

enforcement contacts. **ACTION: DENIED** 

### (7) CASE NO. 06-1803N

Classification: Cadet

**Department:** California Highway Patrol

Issue: Suitability; provided inaccurate information regarding his military

reprimands, excessive drinking and unfavorable rental history.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (8) CASE NO. 06-1956N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation

Issue: Suitability: one DUI conviction.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (9) CASE NO. 06-3723N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation **Issue:** Suitability; drug use within one year of his CDCR application.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (10) CASE NO. 06-1834N

Classification: Youth Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; drug use within one year of his CDCR application.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

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#### (11) CASE NO. 06-3025N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; job terminations within one year of his CDCR application.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (12) CASE NO. 06-3074N

**Classification:** Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; job termination within one year of CDCR application.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

### (13) CASE NO. 06-1876N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Issue: Suitability; failed to supply information or documentation needed to

complete his background investigation.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

### (14) CASE NO. 06-3046N

Classification: Cadet

**Department:** California Highway Patrol

**Issue:** Suitability; failed to disclose termination reasons from a prior

employer.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (15) CASE NO. 06-2846N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; omitted pertinent information regarding previous

employment application with the California Youth Authority and Background

Investigation, as well as negative law enforcement contacts.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### (16) CASE NO. 06-3095N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; failed to report negative law enforcement contacts.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

(17) CASE NO. 06-1850N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; omitted pertinent information.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

(18) CASE NO. 06-2550N

Classification: Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Issue:** Suitability; illegal drug activity.

**ACTION: DENIED** 

#### B. <u>MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING APPEALS</u>

Cases heard by a Staff Hearing Panel comprised of a managerial staff member of the State Personnel Board and a medical professional. The Board was presented recommendations by a Hearing Panel on each appeal.

CASE NO. 06-3848N

Classification: Youth Correctional Officer

**Department:** Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

C. EXAMINATION APPEALS
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
MERIT ISSUE COMPLAINTS

NONE

D. RULE 211 APPEALS
RULE 212 OUT OF CLASS APPEALS
VOIDED APPOINTMENT APPEALS

**NONE** 

E. REQUEST TO FILE CHARGES CASES

**NONE** 

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING CASES

NONE

#### **SUBMITTED**

### 1. TEACHER STATE HOSPITAL (SEVERELY), ETC.

Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Hearing held December 3, 2002.)

### 2. VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR (SAFETY) (VARIOUS SPECIALTIES)

Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Hearing held December 3, 2002.)

### 3. TELEVISION SPECIALIST (SAFETY)

The Department of Corrections proposes to establish the new classification Television Specialist (Safety) by using the existing Television Specialist class specification and adding "Safety" as a parenthetical to recognize the public aspect of their job, additional language will be added to the Typical Tasks section of the class specification and a Special Physical Characteristics section will be added. (Presented to Board March 4, 2003.)

#### 4. HEARING – Personal Services Contract #04-03

Appeal of the California State Employees Association from the Executive Officer's April 15, 2004, Approval of Master Contracts between the California Department of Corrections and Staffing Solutions, CliniStaff, Inc., Staff USA, Inc., CareerStaff Unlimited, MSI International, Inc., Access Medical Staffing & Service, Drug Consultants, Infinity Quality Services Corporation, Licensed Medical Staffing, Inc., Morgan Management Services, Inc., Asereth Medical Services, and PrideStaff dba Rx Relief. (Hearing held August 12, 2004.)

#### 5. HEARING

Proposed new and revised State Personnel Board Regulations effecting equal opportunity, discrimination complaints and reasonable accommodation policies and procedures. (Hearing held July 7, 2004.)

6. HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS CONCERNING PROCEDURES THAT APPLY TO COST SAVINGS PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 19130(a) (Hearing held July 10, 2007.)

#### 7. CASE NO. 05-4007EA

Appeal from denial of discrimination complaint. Outside contractor. Department of Transportation. (Oral argument held July 10, 2007.)

- 8. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. 07-01. Appeal of the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) from the Executive Officer's February 21, 2007, Disapproval of CHP's Personal Services Contracts for Custodial Services at the following offices: Torrance Area Office (RFP 078CP62001); Yolo Area Office (RFP 078CP6159); Burney Area Office (RFP 078CP5634R); Anaheim Area Office (RFP 078CP6171); Los Angeles Area Office (RFP 078CP6167); Monterey Park Area Office (RFP 078CP6170); Oceanside Area Office (RFP 078CP6141); Blythe Area Office (RFP 078CP6139); Santa Ana Area Office (RFP 078CP5905R); and Redwood City Area Office (RFP 078CP6143I). (Oral argument held July 10, 2007.)
- 9. CASE NO. 06-3023A. Appeal from ten percent reduction in salary for three months. Psychiatric Technician. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. (Oral argument held on August 7, 2007.)
- **10. CASE NO. 06-2010A.** Appeal from medical termination. Administrative Support Coordinator II. California State University, Los Angeles. (Oral argument held on August 7, 2007.)
- **11. CASE NO. 03-3412PA**. Appeal from rejection during probation. Correctional Counselor II (Supervisor). Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- **12. CASE NO. 05-1285A.** Appeal from dismissal. Public Safety Dispatcher II. Department of the California Highway Patrol.
- **13. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. 07-02, CASE NO. 07-003(b)** Appeal in the matter of the Executive Officer's disapproval of the Janitorial Services contract. Department of Health Services.

#### **NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 RESOLUTION**

Since Government Code section 18671.1 requires that cases pending before State

Personnel Board Administrative Law Judges (ALJ's) be completed within six months or no
later than 90 days after submission of a case, whichever is first, absent the publication of
substantial reasons for needing an additional 45 days, the Board hereby publishes its
substantial reasons for the need for the 45-day extension for some of the cases now
pending before it for decision.

An additional 45 days may be required in cases that require multiple days of hearings, that have been delayed by unusual circumstances, or that involve any delay generated by either party (including, but not limited to, submission of written briefs, requests for settlement conferences, continuances, discovery disputes, pre-hearing motions). In such cases, six months may be inadequate for the ALJ to hear the entire case, prepare a proposed decision containing the detailed factual and legal analysis required by law, and for the State Personnel Board to review the decision and adopt, modify or reject the proposed decision within the time limitations of the statute.

Therefore, at its next meeting, the Board will issue the attached resolution extending the time limitation by 45 days for all cases that meet the above criteria, and that have been before the Board for less than six months as of the date of the Board meeting.

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 provides that, absent waiver by the appellant, the time period in which the Board must render its decision on a petition pending before it shall not exceed six months from the date the petition was filed or 90 days from the date of submission; and

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 also provides for an extension of the time limitations by 45 additional days if the Board publishes substantial reasons for the need for the extension in its calendar prior to the conclusion of the six-month period; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda for the instant Board meeting included an item titled "Notice of Government Code section 18671.1 Resolution" which sets forth substantial reasons for utilizing that 45-day extension to extend the time to decide particular cases pending before the Board;

**WHEREAS**, there are currently pending before the Board cases that have required multiple days of hearing and/or that have been delayed by unusual circumstances or by acts or omissions of the parties themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the time limitations set forth in Government Code section 18671.1 are hereby extended an additional 45 days for all cases that have required multiple days of hearing or that have been delayed by acts or omissions of the parties or by unusual circumstances and that have been pending before the Board for less than six months as of the date this resolution is adopted.

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I hereby certify that the State Personnel Board made and adopted the preceding resolution at its meeting held on November 5, 2007.

VOTE: Harrigan, Sheehan, Tom, Costigan - Aye

Suzanne M. Ambrose

Executive Officer

California State Personnel Board